REVENUE: FISCAL:	No Revenue Impact No Fiscal Impact	
Action:	Be Adopted	
Vote:	9-1-0	
	Yeas:	Bentz, Berger, Bruun, Gelser, Kahl, Read, Riley, Sprenger, Barnhart
	Nays:	Bailey
	Exc.:	0
Prepared By:		Dae Baek, Economist
Meeting Dates:		5/1, 5/6

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Urges the President of the U.S. and the U.S. Congress to ensure that the revenue realized from the carbon sequestration projects on federally owned and managed forests is shared with state and county governments.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Similarity to pollution cap-and-trade system
- Similarity to federal timber payment
- Role of active forest management in achieving better carbon sequestration

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND: Carbon sequestration is the placement of CO_2 into a repository in such a way that it will remain permanently sequestered. Efforts are focused on two categories of repositories: geologic formations and terrestrial ecosystems. Geologic sequestration involves injecting CO_2 into underground reservoirs that have the ability to securely contain it. Terrestrial carbon sequestration is the net removal of CO_2 from the atmosphere by plants and microorganisms in the soil and the prevention of CO_2 net emissions from terrestrial ecosystems into the atmosphere. (Source: The National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy).

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